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On page 1, please replace the paragraph following the title "Cross Reference To Related Applications" with the following:

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The present invention is related to the following U.S. applications: U.S. application, Serial No. 09/476,717 filed December 30, 1999 entitled, "A SYSTEM FOR MANAGING PARCEL SHIPPING" (Attorney Docket No. E-912); U.S. application, Serial No. 09/475,883 filed December 30, 1999 entitled, "A RATER UTILITY FOR A PARCEL SHIPPING SYSTEM" (Attorney Docket No. E-913); U.S. application, Serial No. 09/475,882 filed December 30, 1999 entitled, "A ROUTER UTILITY FOR A PARCEL SHIPPING SYSTEM" (Attorney Docket No. E-914) and U.S. application, Serial No. 09/475,881 filed December 30, 1999 entitled, "A LOAD PLANNING DATABASE FOR A PARCEL SHIPPING SYSTEM" (Attorney Docket No. E-915).

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On page 1, between lines 20 and 21 please insert the following heading:

**Background of the Invention**In the claims:

No Amendments have been made to the claims.

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Amendment  
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